

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68415

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METHOD FOR SEPARATING METAL AND INORGANIC PARTICLES FROM For:

METAL-INORGANIC PARTICLE COMPOSITE MATERIAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

## MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 6, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

Incidentally, the inorganic particles 2a are recovered from the dross 4 in accordance with the kind of the flux 3 used in the step shown in Fig. 1B. For example, when water-soluble flux 3 is used, the inorganic particles 2a can be recovered by dissolving the flux 3 in water or a suitable solvent. When high-temperature evaporative flux 3 is used, the inorganic particles 2a can be recovered by baking the whole of the dross 4.